

STATISTICAL REPORT

Number of Stakes of Zion	179
Number of Wards	1,357
Number of Independent Branches	144
Total Wards and Independent Branches	1,501
Number of Missions	44

Church Membership

Stakes	876,661
Missions	202,010

 Total Membership1,078,671

Church Growth

Children blessed in stakes and missions	36,885
Children baptized in stakes and missions	20,534
Converts baptized in stakes and missions	16,261

Social Statistics

Birth rate per thousand	38.43
Marriage rate per thousand	8.89
Death rate per thousand	5.97

Missionaries

Number of missionaries in the missions of the Church	4,477
Number engaged in missionary work in the stakes	4,027

Total Missionaries	8,504
Number of missionaries who received training in the missionary home in 1949	2,363

THE ANNUAL CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1949

President J. Reuben Clark, Jr., First Counselor in the First

Presidency read the following Financial Report:

CHURCH DISBURSEMENTS 1949

PART I—CHURCH BUDGET CASH EXPENDITURES
FROM CHURCH GENERAL FUNDS, BOTH TITHING AND NON-TITHING INCOMES

	Budget Request 1949	Supplementary Allocation	Budget Expendi- tures—1949	Unexpended
Total Budget Requests for 1949, plus Additional Allocations				\$22,279,004.00
Total Cash Budget Expenditures for 1949				19,725,565.00
Unexpended Budget Requests and Additional Allocations for 1949				2,553,439.00
Office of the Corporation of the President				
Including salaries of 61 employees; expenses of offices; equip- ment; and the living allowances and traveling expenses of the General Authorities, all of which are covered by non-tithing income	\$ 369,900.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 380,935.00	\$ 1,965.00
Office of the Corporation of the Presiding Bishop				
Including the salaries of 126 employees; expenses of offices; equipment; traveling expenses of the Presiding Bishopric, Building Department, Auditor, etc.; all of which are covered by non-tithing income	433,542.00		397,589.00	35,953.00
Temples				
For operating expenses, including the salaries of 262 employees; for improvements and building maintenance; repairs to and renovation of the eight temples of the Church, a specified sum being allocated to each temple	654,080.00		589,331.00	64,749.00
Missions and Missionary Work				
For the maintenance and operation of the established missions;				

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living and traveling expenses of mission presidents; return fares of missionaries; free literature; radio and publicity; the erection, remodeling, purchase, maintenance and renting of buildings; and the expenses of the Bureau of Information and the Mission Home in Salt Lake City

4,744,174.00

4,212,138.00

532,036.00

Stake and Ward Expenditures

Allowance to 175 stakes and 1488 wards and independent branches, including the maintenance of 1779 stake, ward and branch buildings; expenses and mileage allowances of stake presidents and bishops; furnishings for stake and ward offices; the erection, remodeling and repairing of stake and ward buildings

7,102,158.00

7,529,460.00

7,698.00

Church Welfare

For the purchase of equipment, commodities, and containers; for operating expenses of bishops' storage storehouses and the Deseret Mills and Elevators, and for transportation of commodities; for the purchase, construction, and remodeling of bishops' storehouses and other general welfare properties; for General Church Welfare Committee administrative expenses; for the care of the needy, consisting of rents, light, fuel, hospitalization, burials, etc.

1,765,877.00

1,714,280.00

51,597.00

Schools and Educational Activities

For the operating expenses of the Brigham Young University, Ricks College, Juarez Academy, 16 institutes and 127 seminaries; for the operating expenses of the Department of Education, including the salaries of 572 teachers and 56 administrative officers and employees; for the erection, repair and improvement of buildings; for the maintenance of the McCune School of Music and Art, the General Music Committee and the Deseret Gymnasium

3,983,160.00
(Fiscal year)

3,086,136.00
(Calendar year)

897,024.00

Maintenance and Construction—General Buildings and Grounds
For the maintenance of and repairs and improvements to general Church buildings, including the Administration building; for the construction and equipping of hospital buildings

819,627.00

702,219.00

117,408.00

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Tabernacle and Assembly Hall For the maintenance of buildings and grounds, Temple Square; broadcasting expense; salaries of chorists and organists and organ maintenance	121,610.00	111,859.00	9,751.00
Historic Monuments and Properties For the maintenance and repair of properties at Palmyra, New York; South Royalton, Vermont; Carthage, Illinois; and me- morial cemeteries	20,000.00	19,938.00	62.00
Indian Projects Consisting of Papago and Washakie farm projects	63,276.00	46,459.00	16,817.00
Genealogical Society For the maintenance of the Church genealogical library, record archives, temple index bureau and allied departments, and for the recording, indexing, photographing and filing of genea- logical and temple ordinance data, including the names of 421,043 persons forwarded to the eight temples for temple ordinances, and for the salaries of 185 full time employees; also for microfilm copies of genealogical records from 6 states and 11 foreign countries equivalent to 64,031 printed volumes of approximately 385 pages per volume	978,971.00	750,505.00	228,466.00
Other Expenses Consisting of priesthood supervision; L.D.S. Girls program; contributions to civic and educational institutions; insurance, taxes and assessments; expenses of various committees, etc.	222,629.00	184,716.00	37,913.00
Unallocated balance of original budget allocation for con- tingencies		552,000.00	552,000.00
Total Requested and Expended from Church General Funds	\$ 21,279,004.00	\$19,725,565.00	\$2,553,439.00

PART II—CASH EXPENDITURES, OTHER THAN TITHING, FROM CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH, FOR THE YEAR 1949

The expenditures budgeted from Church general funds and paid principally from the tithes are detailed above. The following expenditures were made from further contributions by members of the Church:

Paid for stake, ward and mission building purposes.....	\$ 6,044,171.00
Expended for stake, ward and mission maintenance purposes; expenses of auxiliary organizations and for recreation	3,529,851.00
Expended from ward and mission fast offerings	1,201,959.00
Expended from welfare contributions	1,095,695.00
Assistance rendered missionaries	241,574.00
Expended from dues of General Boards; children's contributions to the Primary Hospital, and donation to temples	289,347.00
Expended by educational institutions in addition to amount listed under budget expenditures, from funds derived from tuitions and other sources (Estimated 1949-1950 fiscal year)	1,749,644.00
Total Cash Expenditures from Contributions by the Church	
Membership, other than tithing	14,152,241.00
Expended by the hospitals for the care of the sick, in addition to the amount paid from the tithes and included in Part I	48,154.00
Total Budget Cash Expenditures by the general Church offices, brought forward from above	19,725,565.00
Total Cash Expenditures of the Church for the year 1949....	\$33,925,960.00

Part III—THE CHURCH WELFARE PROGRAM

FAST OFFERING DATA

Number of Church members who paid voluntary fast offerings and welfare contributions:

In the wards	173,483
In the missions	48,775
Total	222,258

Amount of voluntary fast offerings and welfare contributions:

In wards:	
Fast Offerings	\$ 909,912.00
Welfare Contributions	1,127,335.00
In missions:	
Fast Offerings	116,187.00

Total Fast Offerings and Welfare Contributions **\$ 2,153,434.00**

Percent of Church membership who paid fast offerings.....	22%
Average fast offerings per capita in wards	\$1.12
Average fast offerings per capita in missions58
Average fast offerings per capita, wards and missions	\$1.01
Average fast offerings and welfare contributions per capita in wards	\$2.51

WELFARE PROGRAM CASH EXPENDITURES, ALL INCLUDED IN FIGURES GIVEN ABOVE BUT SEGREGATED HERE

Expended from ward and mission fast offerings and welfare contributions for the care of the needy, consisting of food, clothing, rents, light, heat, hospitalization, burials, etc., and for the purchase of commodities for storehouses	\$ 2,297,654.00
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Disbursed by the General Church Welfare Committee for the operating costs of storehouses; for the overhead expenses of the General Committee, and for the shipment of relief supplies to Europe	419,427.00
Disbursed by the Corporations of the President and Presiding Bishop for direct assistance and for contributions to civic, denominational and educational institutions	642,655.00
Expended by the hospitals for the care of the sick	48,154.00
Total Relief Cash Expenditures for the year 1949, all included in above grand total of budget and other cash expenditures	\$ 3,407,890.00
This is an increase over the year 1948 of	\$ 240,004.00

Welfare Report

The General Church Welfare Committee makes the following further report, indicating the production and distribution of bishops' storehouse commodities during the year 1949 and inventories at the close of the year:

Production, Distribution and Inventory of Commodities For Bishops' Storehouses

Production during the year 1949 amounted to 1,980,000 quarts of canned produce; 10,700,000 pounds of fresh vegetables, fruits, grains and grain products; 1,220,000 pounds of animal products and other foods; 94,000 pounds of cotton and wool; 13,500 tons of fuel; 236,500 articles of clothing, household supplies and furniture. The production in 1949 was 14% higher than 1948.

The distribution amounted to 1,300,000 quarts of canned produce; 4,000,000 pounds of vegetables, fruits, grain and grain products; 1,800,000 pounds of animal products and other foods; 12,500 tons of fuel and 468,000 articles of clothing, household supplies, furniture, etc. The value of the articles distributed is \$1,095,000.00, which is an increase of 15% over 1948.

Present inventories, amounting to 1,700,000 quarts of canned produce; 5,600,000 pounds of grain and fresh vegetables; 3,800 tons of coal and 635,000 other items, having a total value of \$1,075,000.00 are 16% higher than the inventories of a year ago.

In addition to distribution in the United States and Canada, as reported above, there have been sent from welfare stocks to foreign missions, 250,000 quarts of canned produce, 63,000 pounds of meat and lard, 570,000 pounds of grain and grain products, and 100,000 pounds of beans and sugar. The total relief supplies sent to foreign missions to December 31, 1949 (shipments commenced October 29, 1945) amount to 41 freight carloads of clothing and 99 freight carloads of food; a total of 140 cars. The value of these commodities is \$1,232,000.00. They were shipped at a cost, including transportation, cartons, insurance, etc., of \$504,000.00, a total of \$1,736,000.00. They were sent to Austria, Belgium, Great Britain, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Japan, China, and Tahiti.

Assistance Rendered

There have been from 17,913 to 55,460 persons assisted through the bishops' storehouse program each year since 1938. In 1949, there were 38,280 persons so assisted in the United States and Canada. This is an increase over 1948 of 5,501 persons. We also sent to Europe food and clothing to help 7,000 persons, or a total of about 45,000 persons assisted in 1949.

From 1938 to 1949 more than 1,970 families have been helped to become self-supporting, and 14,824 families have been assisted in other ways. During this same period, \$737,000.00 has been paid in wages to persons working at Deseret Industries. These individuals, most of whom are handicapped or aged and therefore not able to earn a livelihood in commercial pursuits, have collected and pro-

cessed salvage materials valued at \$1,237,000.00 from which sales have been made amounting to \$1,158,000.00. The Deseret Clothing Factory, another branch of the Welfare Plan, has paid \$296,000.00 in wages to employees, most of whom are widows and elderly persons.

Budget Production and Other Projects

To produce the 1949 budget, 646 crop projects and 290 livestock projects were operated, on which 81,000 man days of work were donated. For purposes other than the production of the budget, 337 crop projects, 144 livestock projects were operated during the year and 16,000 individuals using welfare canneries processed, for their own use, 1,100,000 cans of food.

About twice the amount of food on the accepted 1950 welfare production budget could be had from a normal yield of the welfare projects now owned if the entire yield were turned to the storehouses. This would not be a balanced diet as set up in the budget, however, because the production would be short in dairy and some other products and would be long in garden and row crops.

Persons Relinquishing Government Relief

Obedient to the command of the Lord that men should be self-supporting, looking to the Church for necessary help, 3,184 persons have, during the past seven years relinquished their position on government relief rolls. Of this number, 1,418 have been rehabilitated and are receiving no aid from the Church nor, so far as known, from any other gratuitous source; 1,121 are yet receiving part of their support from the Church; and 645 are receiving all their needs from the Church.

Placement and Counseling Service

During 1949, 3,945 persons were given occupational counseling resulting in the solution of their employment problems, and 4,982 other persons were placed in remunerative employment.

President George Albert Smith:

President Clark did not call attention to the fact that the Church is still solvent, after giving away all that money.

Elder Orval W. Adams will now read the report of the Church auditors, after which President David O. McKay of the First Presidency will present the names of the General Authorities, general officers, and general auxiliary officers of the Church for the sustaining vote of this general conference.

REPORT OF CHURCH AUDITING COMMITTEE

Elder Orval W. Adams read the following report:

April 3, 1950

President George Albert Smith and Counselors

47 East South Temple

Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Brethren:

The Church Auditing Committee has reviewed the annual financial report of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for the year ending December 31, 1949.

The accounting system and records were found to be adequate and are meticulously maintained. Disbursements of Church funds is controlled through a comprehensive budget system, which includes checks and balances to properly safeguard expenditures. The funds are being care-

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fully conserved, and are being expended only after thoughtful investigation and consideration.

Our review of the records discloses the budget to be in balance. The Church is in strong financial position and free from debt.

Respectfully submitted,

Orval W. Adams

Albert E. Bowen

George S. Spencer

H. H. Bennett

Church Auditing Committee

PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY

President David O. McKay, Second Counselor in the First Presidency, presented the General Authorities, General Officers and General Auxiliary Officers of the Church, and they were unanimously sustained by the Conference, as follows:

GENERAL AUTHORITIES OF THE CHURCH

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

George Albert Smith, Prophet, Seer and Revelator, and President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

J. Reuben Clark, Jr., First Counselor in the First Presidency.

David O. McKay, Second Counselor in the First Presidency.

President of the Council of the Twelve Apostles

George F. Richards

QUORUM OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES

George F. Richards

Joseph Fielding Smith

Stephen L. Richards

John A. Widtsoe

Joseph F. Merrill

Albert E. Bowen

Harold B. Lee

Spencer W. Kimball

Ezra Taft Benson

Mark E. Petersen

Matthew Cowley

Henry D. Moyle

Patriarch to the Church

Eldred G. Smith

The counselors in The First Presidency, the Twelve Apostles, and the Patriarch to the Church as Prophets, Seers and Revelators.

Assistants to the Twelve

Marion G. Romney

Thomas E. McKay

Clifford E. Young

Alma Sonne

Trustee-in-Trust

George Albert Smith

As Trustee-in-Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints